# WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

Borough Chambers 601 Water Street Wrightsville, PA

*In attendance*: Council President White, Vice President Smith, Councilman Bair, Councilman Gromling, Councilman McDonald, Mayor Albert, Treasurer Brenner, Solicitor Nahass, Engineer Klinedinst, Secretary Hoff

Absent: Councilman Kirkessner

Council President White called the Regular Meeting of the Wrightsville Borough governing body to order at 6:32pm and led the salute to the American Flag.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

## Fire:

No report was provided.

## **Police:**

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Chief Pollock relayed report highlights to those in attendance. Chief Pollock relayed that the department responded to 107 calls within Wrightsville Borough in September.

Councilman Gromling asked Chief Pollock if Hellam Township has worked with Advantage Security in the past noting that he would like Hellam Township Police Department to monitor security cameras in Riverfront Park.

## **Emergency Management Coordinator:**

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials.

# **Ambulance:**

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Mr. Marden relayed report highlights to those in attendance.

## **Zoning:**

Report was provided with meeting materials.

## **Streets & Parks:**

Report was provided with monthly meeting materials. Councilman Gromling noted to fellow council members and Treasurer Brenner that he would like to have an additional line item for crack sealing noted in 2022 budget. Councilman Gromling noted that new tires will be needed for F550 Dump truck for snow plowing if the new truck is not completed in time for snow plowing.

# **Engineer:**

Report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer Klinedinst relayed the report highlights to those in attendance.

## **Treasurer:**

Report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Treasurer Brenner relayed highlights of the September check register and financial reports to those in attendance.

# Mayor:

Mayor Albert relayed to members of council that he will be meeting with Chief Pollock and Hellam Township Supervisors to discuss police costs and potential new contract on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 4pm. Mayor Albert noted that he would report back to council after the meeting is complete. Mayor Albert relayed to council members that he will not be available to attend Planning Meeting on October 18, 2021.

## **Solicitor:**

No report

## PUBLIC COMMENT- AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

#### **PATRONS:**

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve the September 2021 check register as presented by the treasurer. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Vice President Smith made a motion to approve the September 2021 financial report as presented by the treasurer. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Councilman Gromling made a motion to post F550 Dump Truck on Municibid with a minimum reserve price of \$8500 noting in auction ad that truck will be available after borough takes possession of new F550. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A brief discussion was held to discuss preparation of a new Stormwater Management Ordinance with Councilman Gromling noting that he would be apprehensive to loosing stormwater requirements due to stormwater issues within the borough at certain locations. Engineer Klinedinst noted that he and/or his staff will work with borough staff on draft Ordinance. Engineer Klinedinst also noted that it would be easier to rewrite a new ordinance than amend the current ordinance noting that all MS4 municipalities must update their Ordinances with a complaint ordinance by June 30, 2022.

Councilman Gromling made a motion to authorize borough engineer to work with borough staff to prepare new Stormwater Management Ordinance with an estimated preparation cost of \$1000. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A brief discussion was held led by Councilman Bair to install 2 new Civil War markers in town that will be part of the Civil War Trails Program to replace the existing ones that were branded with a Pennsylvania Civil War trail organization that is now defunct. Councilman Bair relayed to members of council that the cost associated to install the two new markers will total \$5200. Councilman Bair stated "What my vision is, is to have Gettysburg starting in Wrightsville noting that Gettysburg gets thousands of reenactors every year from the July 1st to July 3rd, and it started here in Wrightsville with the withdraw of the troops'. Councilman Bair noted "I am very passionate about this idea and I would like to replace the markers near John Wright Restaurant".

Treasurer Brenner noted that an amendment to the parks & recreation category of the 2021 budget should be made to account for cost of marker installation. Councilman Bair made a motion to amend and increase the 2021 parks & recreation budget for the borough an additional \$2000 to account for total installation cost and to proceed with installation of 2 new Civil War markers. VP Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Councilman Gromling relayed to members of council that he would like to do temporary repairs to asphalt at  $3^{\rm rd}$ /Chestnut to get through winter season. No objections from council were received.

Councilman Gromling led a brief discussion to inform council members that 4 quotes were received from Haller Enterprises, Lapp Electric, IB Abel Inc. and Terkins, Inc. to install new utility pole at 330 S. Front St. for PPL Electric to provide electric to areas throughout Riverfront Park. All quotes were reviewed and discussed by members of council. After review and discussion was complete, Councilman Gromling made a motion to have new utility pole installed at Riverfront Park with costs not to exceed \$6000 and to notify Haller Enterprises of winning bid/proposal. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were not approved due to some corrections that need completed. Approval of September 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes will be approved at next regular meeting scheduled for November 1, 2021.

Vice President Smith made a t motion to approve the September 20, 2021 Planning Meeting Minutes. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

# **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

Treasurer Brenner relayed to members of council that he had good discussions with each department chair and he will prepare a rough draft of 2022 budget to present to council at October's planning meeting.

# **PUBLIC WORKS:**

No report

## **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

No report

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Councilman Bair announced that the Trail Towns Walk on September 14, 2021 was very productive.

## **PARKS & RECREATION:**

Councilman Gromling noted to member of council that the 2022 budget for Parks & Recreation will need to increase to account for operational maintenance of public restrooms and operations associated with maintain camera system installed in Riverfront Park.

Councilman Gromling noted that operational issues have been encountered with locks on restroom doors, however everything has been resolved and locks will be on a automatic timer to unlock and lock each day.

# **PERSONNEL:**

Council President relayed to members of council that he would like to have discussions about salaries of borough employees.

# **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE:**

No report

# PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL BUSINESS

Councilman Bair excused himself from the meeting before Mrs. McDonald spoke.

# Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald thanked Council President White for having to wait 3 hours to speak during general public comment period during the meeting noting that it was a "good move".

Council President White announced that election day is November 2, 2021 and he can't believe that potential borough council candidates don't come to the public meetings.

# **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

Councilman Gromling made a motion to waive solicitation permit fee for Boy Scout Cub Troop to solicit door to door in borough to help promote and sell popcorn. Councilman Bair seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Smith made a motion to adjourn the October 4, 2021 Regular meeting at 8:32pm. Councilman Gromling seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Tammie Hoff Borough Secretary